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Col. Robert M. Gottuso
USAF ETAC/CC
Building 159
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Washington, D. C. 20333

Dear Col. Gottuso:

Based on preliminary discussion between analysts of this office and officers of ETAC, we believe that your organization ^{may be able to help with} ~~has the data and the expertise~~ ^{geographic} ~~needed for a~~ research project we have under consideration. We wish to determine ^{whether} ~~if~~ it is possible to predict, with any certainty, the continuation of current drought conditions ⁱⁿ especially in Africa and the Middle East ⁱⁿ over the next year or two. Our first ^{general} ~~priority in early discussions~~ with your ^{the feasibility and cost of} ~~specialists~~ would be to ascertain ~~if~~ such a study ~~is feasible and its cost.~~

^{you feel} If ETAC can be of assistance, I would appreciate ^{to us} your ^{delegation of an} ~~requesting the~~ appropriate officer ^{to contact} to contact

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our project officer ^{phone} ~~on phone~~

351-2886 or code 143-2886

Sincerely,

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